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UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 AND § 1.98Mail Stop Reissue
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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find partial English translations/corresponding English-language documents of five (5) documents for which the Examiner has previously refused consideration, in the above-identified application. In this regard, note the first full paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, in the above-identified application. For the convenience of the Examiner, also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the submitted documents having partial English translations/corresponding English-language documents. In this regard, note that U.S. Patent No. 4,917,556 corresponds to JP 64-500072; and U.S. Patent No. 4,969,790 corresponds to JP 2-61064. The full non-English language documents have been previously submitted.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, but prior to a

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Final rejection or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. In this regard, note that the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, in the above-identified application does not close prosecution on the merits. For satisfying requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(c), the necessary fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

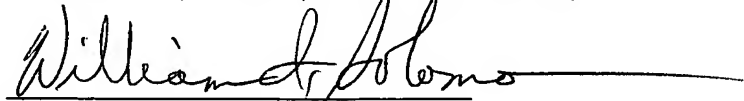
To the extent that the listed documents are not in English, requirements of 37 FR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed partial English translations/corresponding English-language documents.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon further consideration of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 520.30414R49) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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